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## NEWSNOTES

### Battleship New Jersey launches Job Fair

A free hiring event for veterans, personnel who are transitioning from active duty, Reserves, Guard, and military spouses presented by Recruit-Military, the President's National Hire Veterans Committee (DOL), the American Legion, and the MSCCN (Military Spouse Corporate Career Network) will be held in Camden aboard the Battleship New Jersey, 62 Battleship Place, on the Delaware River across from Philadelphia Thursday, July 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more info or to register as a job-seeker, visit [www.recruit-military.com](http://www.recruit-military.com).

### Hearts Apart support group calling all families

The Hearts Apart support group is calling family members of deployed service members to meet at Army Community Service, Bldg. 5201, on Maryland Avenue at 8th Street Tuesday July 7 from 10 a.m. to noon. Family Members will create a special pillow case for your Service Members. Please bring your favorite pictures stored in your digital camera, memory card or CD. A free lunch will follow this activity.

Advance registration is required for this activity. Please call Amada M. Espinoza at 562-2767.

### Gold Medal Boxing returns to Griffith Field House

A dozen bouts of Gold Medal Boxing will fill the ring in Griffith Field House July 18 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Pupils from the U.S. Marine Corps Boxing Team, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, will take on opponents from the Muhammad Ali Boxing Club, Philadelphia.

The event is open to the public, and admission is \$5 per person. Doors at Griffith Field House, on Eighth Street at Millville Road, will open at 5 p.m.

Boxing great Smokin' Joe Frazier will make an appearance at the event.

For more information on the event, log on to [www.dix.mwr.com](http://www.dix.mwr.com)

## WEATHER

**FRIDAY** -- Chance of thunderstorms with light rain showers, daytime high of 86 and overnight low of 64 degrees.

**SATURDAY** -- Continuing chance of thunderstorms through the day. Breezy, warm with high of 84 degrees and low of 65.

**SUNDAY** -- Chance of light rain showers with the possibility of thunderstorms. Continued warm with a daytime high of 86 and overnight low of 68 degrees.

**MONDAY** -- More thunderstorms likely, with some light rain. Daytime high of 87 degrees and overnight low of 67.

**TUESDAY** -- Continued chance of thunderstorms and light rain. High of 88 degrees and low of 75.

**WEDNESDAY** -- Hot and clear, daytime high of 92, with overnight low of 76 degrees.

**THURSDAY** -- Morning showers clearing in afternoon, high of 91 and low of 76 degrees.



## Dix lights sky for US birthday

Fort Dix will light the sky over Doughboy Field July 4 in honor of Independence Day, and everyone is invited to join in the annual celebration.

Activities for the celebration will begin at 6 p.m. with Power 99 radio personality Shamara and music to spark the crowd.

Award-winning rhythm and blues artist Keyshia Cole will take the stage from 7:30 to 9 p.m., entertaining the crowd with her top hits. Cole is a Grammy-nominated R&B singer-songwriter, and record producer known for her soulful voice.

She released her platinum selling debut album, "The Way It Is" in 2005, and her second album "Just Like You" in 2007.

She is currently in the process of making a third album entitled "Truth," set for release in December.

Cole is also working on the third season of her BET reality series "The Way It Is."

At the Fiftieth Grammy Awards, Cole was nominated for two Grammys -- Best Contemporary R&B Album and Best Rap/Song Collaboration.

The Silver Wings Parachute Team from Fort Benning, Ga., will drop in to join the celebration between 9 and 9:30 p.m.

The evening's main event -- the best fire-

works in South Jersey, presented by Schaefer, Inc., -- will begin at about 9:30 p.m., or as soon as it is dark enough for the display.

Vendors will be on site beginning at 6 p.m. with food and refreshments for sale throughout the evening.

While some bleachers are available, those planning to attend are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Coolers and pets will not be allowed on the field.

The celebration will be open to the public. Anyone over the age of 12 must have photo identification.

For those attending who do not have parking deals on their vehicles, shuttle busses will be provided from neighboring areas beginning at 5 p.m.

Designated areas for shuttle bus pickup are the Helen A. Fort Middle School, the Expeditionary Center (Warfare Center), and the area by Paperclips. Drivers will be directed to the parking sites from the checkpoints.

Planners anticipate heavy traffic and a large crowd for the celebration.

For more information visit the MWR Website at [www.dixmwr.com](http://www.dixmwr.com).

The event is sponsored by the US Army, US Family Health Plan, BAE Systems and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

## Bush signs \$162 billion supplemental war bill

John J. Kruzel  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, June 30, 2008 -- President Bush today signed a \$162 billion supplemental bill that principally will fund U.S. military operations abroad.

Bush thanked congressional leaders of both parties for agreeing to provide what he described as "vital funds" to men and women in uniform serving in harm's way.

"I appreciate that Republicans and Democrats in Congress agreed to provide these vital funds without tying the hands of our commanders and without an artificial timetable of withdrawal from Iraq," he said.

The bill takes shape as Iraq experiences the lowest levels of violence since March 2004.

Bush announced the temporary 33,000-troop surge in January 2007 to tamp down violence in Iraq and help prepare Iraq's national security forces to maintain security. The first surge brigade returned in March, and the final returns next month will reduce the number of brigades in Iraq to 15.

"We welcome them home," Bush said, referring to redeploying troops. "And with this legislation, we send a clear message to all that are serving on the front line that our nation continues to support them."

The funding also provides servicemembers a more generous education

package, which for the first time could be passed to family members if troops opt not to use it themselves. Bush said transferability of GI Bill education benefits helps fulfill a debt of gratitude the nation owes military families.

"They endure sleepless nights and the daily struggle of caring for children while a loved one is serving far from home," he said. "We have a responsibility to provide for them, so I'm pleased that the bill I signed today includes an expansion of the GI Bill."

"It will help us to meet our responsibilities to those who support our troops every day, America's great military families," he added.

Other items in the legislation include a \$465 million initiative that partners the United States with Mexico and other Central American nations in an effort to crack down on violent drug-trafficking gangs. It provides nearly \$2.7 billion in relief for states that experience disasters, such as the recent flooding and tornadoes in the American Midwest. The bill also expands unemployment insurance benefits.

The president praised the legislation as an example of successful bipartisan support for members of the U.S. military. "This bill shows the American people that even in an election year, Republicans and Democrats can come together to stand behind our troops and their families," he said.

## Combat units alerted for '09 deployments

Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, June 30, 2008 -- The Defense Department has alerted six combat units for deployment to Iraq from January to March 2009, officials said here today.

Though the announcement identifies forces for the current level of effort in Iraq, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said, it does not try to predict decisions down the road.

"It's proper, prudent planning to give units the time to train and to ensure they are notified in a deliberate fashion and well in advance of when they would have to deploy," Whitman said.

The four Army combat brigades and two Marine regimental combat teams notified cover about 33,000 personnel.

These are normal rotation forces, and all of the units have the capability of performing full-spectrum combat operations.

The Marine units notified today for the 2009 rotation are Regimental Combat Team 8 and Regimental Com-

bat Team 6, both based in Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The Army units are the 1st Cavalry Division's 1st and 2nd brigade combat teams, based at Fort Hood, Texas; the 10th Mountain Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team, based at Fort Drum, N.Y.; and 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team of the Pennsylvania National Guard's 28th Infantry Division.

The announcement for the 12-month deployments assumes a force level of 15 brigade combat teams in Iraq.

"This is a planning effort for maintaining a 15-combat-brigade level," Whitman said.

"That doesn't mean decisions down the road couldn't affect this," he added. "You can always have units that redeploy earlier and deploy later. This is a planning effort to sustain the current level of operations."

The last surge brigade will leave Iraq by the end of July. Some 45 days later, officials in Iraq, U.S. Central Command and the Pentagon will assess conditions in Iraq "post-surge," Whitman said. Decisions after that review could affect deployments, he said.

## New commanders welcomed on post



Ryan Morton

**MEDICAL SUPPORT ELEMENT** -- Col. John Ekstrand, the new **Walston Army Medical Support Element Commander**, receives the company guidon from Command Sgt. Maj. Clayton Crooks, U.S. Army MEDDAC at West Point, during the change-of-command ceremony at Club Dix, June 27. For article, more photos, see page 6.



Staff Sgt. Adam Navarro, 72nd FA BDE

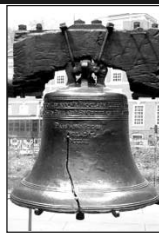
**ENGINEER BATTALION** -- Col. Michael T. Miklos, commander, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, hands the 3rd Engineer Battalion, 315th Training Regiment unit colors to incoming commander, Lt. Col. David L. Khellinger at a change of command ceremony on Sharp Field June 27. Story, more photos, page 6.



Courtesy Photo

**TRAINING BATTALION** -- Maj. Tomas Gonzalez accepts the unit colors and command of 5th Bn. (Civil Affairs/Psychological Operations), 3rd Bde., 95th Division (Institutional Training) from brigade commander Col. Terry Earnest at a traditional change of command ceremony June 27 at the Fort Dix Media Center. Gonzalez assumed the battalion command from Lt. Col. Bradley Perrier. For more photos, article, see page 6.

## Americana



## Fireworks, hot dogs & 'Light Horse Harry' Lee spell Independence Day for Americans

### opinion

Jennifer Chupko  
Public Affairs Staff

Mark your calendars: the Fourth of July is here! But, what exactly is the Fourth of July?

To most people Fourth of July is a celebration with fireworks, parades and barbecues. People from around the world know Americans have festivities on this day. But do they know what it means? Do you?

We seem to have morphed the actual holiday into a completely different revelry. Does the term "Fourth of July" mean independence or is it just a day we get off from work or school? We are not celebrating the fourth day of the month. We are celebrating our liberty- our Independence.

Independence Day is the day our great nation, America, commemorates the separation of our original 13 colonies from Great Britain. These colonies proclaimed independence in the Declaration of Independence. Adopted on July 4, 1776, colonial rebels then defeated Great Britain in the American Revolutionary War.

But which is the proper name for this day? The Fourth of July or Independence Day?

**Semantic struggle?** There seems to be a power struggle. Does every potato chip you eat remind you of the spirit of our founding fathers? Do you hum the Star Spangled Banner with every sip of your lemonade? Does background music of "America the Beautiful" play in your head when that hamburger is flipped on the grill? (or tolu for the vegetarians.)

Independence Day is illustrative for being the fourth day of July, but why is Presidents' Day not known as "The 18th of February" or Veteran's Day "The 11th of November"?

Nobody seems to pay attention to the flag they are waving at that parade to realize the actual holiday is not called "the Fourth of July". Instead, that flag is swung around like a noise-maker during New Year's Eve.

It is easy to get caught up in all the celebrating and forget exactly what it is we are celebrating about.

For those brief two minutes that we hear the Star Spangled Banner play on the Fourth, we feel patriotic. What about the hours after, when that last parade float passes by? Do we still feel patriotic or is it just time for lunch? Do we leave that fireworks display being proud to be an American or simply relieved to be out of the



J.L.G. Ferris, Library of Congress.

**DECLARING INDEPENDENCE** — Painting depicts Benjamin Franklin reading a draft of the Declaration of Independence while John Adams sits beside him, and Thomas Jefferson stands, holding a quill pen.

works were used to honor the first celebration of July fourth back in 1777. This was one year after the signing, just to make sure the states were actually free.

Originally, the Chinese invented fireworks to ward off bad spirits. That might be something to think about this Friday.

**Pomp & circumstance** "I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illumination, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore." John Adams wrote, referring to the day before, when the resolution for independence was passed. He did not foresee the invention of the hot dog or, I am certain, they would have been included in his requests.

So as Independence Day, the Fourth of July begins, remember that the waving of the American flag and the pop of the fireworks display represents our freedom. It is a time of sovereignty that brings both Independence Day and the present day Fourth of July together, forever tied, as America.

Keep in mind that the "Freedom and Justice for All" is more than the oohs and aahs of the July Fourth finale. The United States of America has its freedom because of the brave men and women willing to defend it against enemies foreign and domestic. To quote from the Declaration:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security."

No one said it better than the founding fathers.



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**"LIGHT HORSE HARRY"** — Henry Lee III, called "Light Horse Harry," was a cavalry officer in the Continental Army during the American Revolution and argued for independence. He went on to become Governor of Virginia and a U.S. Congressman as well as the father of famed American Civil War general Robert E. Lee.

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**DEFENDING THE HIGH GROUND** — On June 16, 1775, under the leadership of Colonels Putnam and Prescott, American patriots established fortifications on Breed's Hill (not Bunker) outside Boston and beat back two British assaults before being forced to retreat. But commanded by men of the caliber of George Washington and Nathaniel Green, the colonials fought on to eventual victory.

## Kutztown Folklife Festival showcases Pennsylvania Dutch



http://www.kutztownfestival.com

**MAKING FRIENDS** — One of the most popular attractions at the Kutztown Folklife Festival is the petting zoo where children and animals make new friends.

The Kutztown Folklife Festival runs today and through Sunday, July 6, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Patrons can check out some of the hundreds of quilts on display, chomp down on roast ox and other delicious dishes favored by the Pennsylvania Dutch, puzzle at hex signs and their often bizarre representations, forage through farm machinery and gadgets that were used in pre-Revolutionary War times, get down to the sound of Oompah bands, ogle men and women attired in traditional Amish garb, and meet some of the friendliest people in the Keystone state, i.e., some of the nicest people around anywhere.

And all this costs only \$12 per adult, \$11 for seniors, with children 12 and under scooting in free.

The family-oriented festival attracted a record-setting 150,000 visitors in 2007. Now in its 59th year, the Kutztown Folk Festival remains the oldest, continuing folklife festival in America.

The Festival was named one of the three "must see" festivals in the region by the *Washington Post* and was listed among the nation's top 50 offbeat festivals (and the only one in Pennsylvania) by *USA Today Magazine*.

It's located in Kutztown, in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch country.

—Steve Snyder



http://www.kutztownfestival.com

**ARTS AND CRAFTS** — Over 200 of the nation's most skilled artisans ply their avocation at the Kutztown Festival.



Steve Snyder

**ROAST OX** — is on the menu at the Kutztown Festival.

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# Civilian retirement plans: How to claim your benefits

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Judge Advocate

If you have participated in a traditional pension plan, a 401(k), or other employment-based retirement plan, you will want to know how to file a claim for your benefits.

Before you file, be aware of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), a law that protects your retirement benefits and sets standards for those who administer your retirement plan. You should know that ERISA does not cover some employee benefit plans (such as those sponsored by government entities and most churches).

A key document to your retirement benefits is the Summary Plan Description (SPD). It provides a detailed overview of your plan — how it works, what benefits it provides, and the plan's procedures for filing a claim. Before you apply for retirement benefits, review the SPD to make sure you meet the plan's requirements and understand the filing procedures. If you do not have a copy of the

SPD, make a written request to your retirement plan's administrator (who is required to provide you a copy).

An important first step is to check your SPD to make sure you meet your plan's eligibility requirements to receive benefits. You must have worked a certain number of years and/or be a certain age before you can

start receiving benefits. The SPD must include information on where to file, what to file, and who to contact if you have any questions. Retirement plans cannot charge any filing fees or costs for filing claims and appeals. When a claim is filed, keep a copy for your records.

Your retirement plan has 90 days in which to evaluate your claim and tell you whether or not you will receive benefits. If your plan needs more time to decide your claim, it must tell you within the 90-day period

that more time is needed, why it is needed, and the date you can expect a decision. Make a note of when you file your claim. If you are entitled to benefits, check your SPD for how and when benefits are paid.

If your claim is denied, the plan must send you a written notice. The notice must be in

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plain language that can be understood. It must include all specific reasons for the denial, refer you to the plan provisions on which the decision is based, and tell you if more information is needed from you to decide your claim, what that information is, and why it is needed. It must also describe the plan's procedures for submitting an appeal of your claim for a full and fair review.

Whatever the denial reason, the plan must give you at least 60 days to file an appeal. Use the information in your claim

denial to prepare your appeal. The plan must provide claimants, on request and free of charge, copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to your claim for benefits. Plan officials have 60 days to review your appeal. If it is going to take longer (up to 120 days), they must notify you in writing of the delay. There is one exception. When a committee or board of trustees reviews your appeal, and that entity meets only quarterly, your appeal may take longer.

If your plan's final decision denies your claim, you may want to seek legal advice regarding your rights to challenge the denial.

You may also want to contact the nearest office of the Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) about your rights, if you believe the plan failed to follow any of ERISA's requirements in handling your benefit claim. You can contact the EBSA regional office nearest you by telephoning 1-866-444-EBSA (3272). For more information, check out EBSA's Web site — [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa).

## Army releases account of first 18 Months After Saddam's Fall

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WASHINGTON, July 1, 2008 — A new book released by the Army examines the challenging period of transition from conventional combined-arms operations to full-spectrum and counterinsurgency operations in Iraq after the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime in April 2003.

On Point II was written to provide a historical account for future Army leaders on the decisive 18 months following the overthrow of Saddam's regime. Army Col. Timothy Reese, an armor officer and one of the book's authors, told online journalists and bloggers in a teleconference yesterday. "We tried to capture the improvisation and ingenuity of the average American soldier as they ... work through the challenges of detainee operations and working without enough linguists and trying to figure out how to oversee or supervise reconstruction operations," On Point II co-author Donald Wright added.

Reese explained that a period of uncertainty followed the regime's collapse, when the message wasn't clear on how U.S. and coalition forces would handle the turnover of



Staff Sgt. Reynaldo Ramon

**CAPTURED — V Corps' Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, then commander of Combined Joint Task Force-7, and Ambassador L. Paul Bremmer, then administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority, announce the capture of Saddam Hussein to the media in Baghdad December 14, 2003.**

power in Iraq.

"Was it an immediate turnover of power to ... some sort of Iraqi governing body, or was it going to be a multiyear process of allied occupation leading to a constitution and elections?" he asked.

"That [message] was certainly missing, and it was a message that changed radically in the course of 30 days, so that hurt," Reese said.

"You can imagine that, in that chaos, where assumptions

are changing every day, it would have been very difficult for the military to sort of form this overall command message to the population about exactly where the coalition hoped to take Iraq and its citizens," Wright said.

As a result, Reese said, U.S. Army and coalition forces throughout Iraq had to initiate programs without the presence of psychological operations and civil affairs assets and without guidance from centralized leadership.

"So, in places around the country, units kind of take up the slack and develop their own messages and programs," Reese said, "and they filter up towards the higher headquarters, rather than from the higher headquarters down."

Wright said that these challenges at the tactical level in the first 18 months after the collapse of the Saddam's regime are the focus of most chapters in On Point II.

"Most of the chapters of the book are really at the tactical level," Wright said. "How are the soldiers trying to deal with the guidance that they get from above, as well as the challenges they face in the [areas of responsibility]?"

"And they're all very different," he continued. "The 1st Armored Division is facing a much different situation in Baghdad than is the 101st [Airborne Division] up in the Mosul area."

Reese cited some examples of locally developed initiatives — "everything from simple stuff like rules of the road when driving and how to pick up trash in your neighborhood, to how we're going to form a local advisory council in your town or your province to help establish some self-government."

"We try to describe that transition and show the incredible ... ingenuity and initiative of units around the spectrum," Reese added.

Regarding the apparent lack of central leadership during the period the book covers, Reese said he hopes readers won't walk away thinking senior leaders in the U.S. government and armed forces were unprepared.

"The magnitude of the tasks in [front of] them were so immense and the time so short that it ... would have been very, very difficult, no matter how good that planning was and how good the team structure was in these organizations," he said.

"Even if that planning had been a bit more robust and had ... happened earlier on in the process," Reese added, "a lot of the assumptions on which that planning was done turned out to be incorrect once the coalition got to Baghdad."

## POLICE LOG

Police Log is a weekly synopsis of significant police activities developed from reports, complaints, incidents or information received and actions taken, for the week of June 23 through 29.

The abbreviation DoD stands for Department of Defense; NAFD means Not Affiliated with Fort Dix (the subject doesn't live or work here); NCIC stands for National Crime Information Center; DWI means Driving While Intoxicated; CDS means Controlled Drug Substance; POV means Privately Owned Vehicle; MAFB stands for McGuire Air Force Base; USAF EC stands for US Air Force Expeditionary Center; AHCC stands for Ambulatory Health Care Clinic (MAFB); VMHBC stands for Virtua Memorial Hospital of Burlington County; CP# stands for Checkpoint Number.

●Police responded to a traffic accident on Texas Ave. Investigation revealed a vehicle, owned by a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, had been damaged by an unknown vehicle while parked and unoccupied.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5404. Investigation revealed no cause for the alarm.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash at CP99. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, struck another vehicle. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●Police and fire department personnel responded to a report of a fire at Bldg. 6558. Investigation revealed an overloaded electrical outlet had burned out. The outlet was checked and cleared by fire department and DPW personnel.

●Police responded to a report of an abandoned boat near Range Rd. Ownership of the craft could not be determined and the trailer and boat were secured in the impound lot.

●Police responded with Pemberton Township Police to a motor vehicle crash on Lakehurst Road. Investigation revealed the operator of a government vehicle, a Soldier NAFD, fell asleep at the wheel, drifted across the center line, and struck another vehicle head-on. Both vehicles were destroyed. The subject was transported by ambulance to VMHBC for treatment. The driver of the second vehicle was airlifted to Helene Fuld Hospital in Trenton. The vehicles were towed from the scene. Investigation continues by Pemberton Township Police Department.

●While on routine patrol, police discovered a vehicle, owned by a Soldier NAFD, illegally parked in a restricted area. The subject was cited and the vehicle towed from the scene.

●During a routine traffic stop on Route 68, police discovered the vehicle operator, a Soldier NAFD, had a suspended driver's license. Further investigation revealed the vehicle was uninsured. The subject was cited and the vehicle towed from the scene.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5404. Investigation revealed the alarm was caused by moisture in the system.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5603. Investigation revealed the alarm was caused by contractors sweeping in the area.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5655. Investigation revealed the alarm was caused by a power outage.

●Police responded to a report of accidental damage near Bldg. 6043. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a Soldier NAFD, lightly tapped a utility pole with its bumper. There was no damage to the vehicle, but, because of the dry rotted condition of the pole, it collapsed. There were no reported injuries and the utility company was contacted to replace the pole.

●There were four expired identification cards confiscated during the period.

●There were 16 Magistrate Court Citations issued for moving violations. DWI incidents remain at seven for the year.

## Fort Dix STAR Program Suspected Terrorist Activity Reporting (STAR)

Countering terrorism requires the help of everyone in the community. Only you know who or what belongs — or doesn't belong in your building, neighborhood, or work area. The simple act of recognizing suspicious behavior and reporting it to the authorities could prevent terrorist acts and save lives. Become a STAR — please help Fort Dix by being alert and reporting any of the following:

**Surveillance:** Someone recording or monitoring activities using cameras, note taking, drawing diagrams, creating maps, using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.

**Security:** Any attempt to measure reaction times and action by security forces. A test of security can be disguised as a simple mistake such as a vehicle approaching a security barrier and then turning around or an attempt to circumvent access control procedures to assess strengths and weaknesses of the security forces and equipment.

**Acquiring Supplies:** Purchasing or stealing police and military uniforms, emergency responder type vehicles (such as police cars and ambulances), installation access passes and other government identification or the equipment to manufacture them.

**Dry Run or Practice:** People or vehicles appear to have been purposely placed in a particular position or area. This is especially true when planning a kidnapping, but also pertains to bombings.

**Actual Deployment of People and Assets:** People and supplies getting into position to conduct an attack. This is the last chance to alert authorities before an attack occurs.

**Suspicious Persons Out of Place:** People who don't seem to belong or fit in the surrounding environment, especially if involved in any of the above listed activities.

Report any of the above to:  
Fort Dix Police (609) 562-6001 / 6002  
Fort Dix Antiterrorism Officer (609) 562-2153 / 2417

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# NEIGHBORHOOD

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### AAFES holds young writers contest

School may be out for the summer, but the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) has one more assignment for military dependents. The "Back-To-School Essay Contest" will give students in grades one through 12 the opportunity to submit an essay of 200 words or less on "What AAFES means to me and my family."

The essay contest, which runs from June 27 to August 31, will consist of four categories, with three winners from each category. First place winners in each category will receive a computer, second place winners will be awarded \$500 savings bonds and \$200 savings bonds will be issued to third place winners.

Complete rules, including release forms and specific instructions on submitting essays, are available at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) under the Patriot Family Connection link.

### Tuskegee Airmen Convention comes to Philadelphia

The 37th Annual Tuskegee Airmen National Convention will be held July 17 to 20 at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. For more information call (215) 384-7363 or email [taiconvention08@verizon.net](mailto:taiconvention08@verizon.net).

### Movie shoot to close local roads

A movie production company will be filming road scenes for "The Perfect Age of Rock 'N' Roll," a circa 1991 movie starring Peter Fonda and Jason Ritter, in Burlington County next week.

Movie makers have picked a two-mile section of County Route 680, also known as the McGuire Access Road, to film a chase scene involving motorcycles and a recreational vehicle, and other scenes, on July 2, 3 and 7.

Residents and motorists in the McGuire area, including Wrightstown, New Hanover, and North Hanover, should be aware that CR 680, between County Routes 545 and 616, will be closed for long intervals on those days.

The County Engineering Department will post message boards advising of the road closing and also will mark detours.

### Alcoholics Anonymous meetings held weekly

Part of the mission of the Army Substance Abuse Program is to support 12 Step Programs in the community. There are two Alcoholics Anonymous meetings on Fort Dix.

A closed, members-only meeting is held every Tuesday night at Bldg. 9013 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. On Thursday nights, there is a meeting at the Main Chapel from 7-8 p.m. (use the 8th Street parking lot entrance; the meeting is in the lounge near Fellowship Hall).

There is no cost except the desire to stop drinking behaviors that are harmful to yourself and others.

If you or someone you care about needs help, these meetings are ANONYMOUS.

For more information, call 562-2020 or 4011, or stop by Building 5203.

### Operation Military Kids supports Soldiers' families

Operation Military Kids (OMK) is a national initiative designed to support military youth when their Soldier parent is deployed.

OMK creates community support in places where the kids live. It delivers recreational, social, and educational programs as well as supporting the military kids in coping with the stress of knowing their deployed parents may be in harm's way.

OMK collaborates with schools to ensure that staff are attuned to the unique needs of the military students and educate the public on the impact of the deployment cycle on Soldiers, families, kids and the community.

For more information, visit [www.operationmilitarykids.org](http://www.operationmilitarykids.org) or call Rachel Lyons, county 4-H agent, at Rutgers Cooperative Extension 265-5052 or 973-285-8300 X3.

## Tips keep mowers moving

Lawn mowers enable homeowners and groundskeepers to keep neat, appealing grass simply by mowing. Many youngsters earn extra money by mowing lawns. However, a lawn-mower can be extremely dangerous if it is not handled properly.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that each year lawn mowers injure over 110,000 people seriously enough to require treatment in hospital emergency rooms. What can be done to prevent lawn mower accidents? The following practices will prevent most accidents.

- Read the operator's manual. Read the instructions and then follow these instructions carefully. The manual explains safe procedures that should be followed.

- Train operator. Be sure anyone operating the mower understands how the mower operates. Then demonstrate how it should be used. Observe the operator until satisfied that he/she can handle the mower safely.

- Check your lawn before mowing. Objects picked up and hurled by the blade cause many injuries, even deaths. Clear the lawn of sticks, stones, toys, bones and other objects.

- Check guards and shields. Be sure all protective devices are in place before starting the mower. Shields and guards are for your protection and will prevent numerous injuries if used.

- Dress properly to do the job safely. No bare feet! No sandals! No sneakers! Always wear sturdy shoes;

- steel-toed safety shoes are preferred.
- Handle gasoline with care. Do not fill the gasoline tank while the engine is running. Let it cool first. Fuel up outdoors, then wipe up all spills.

- Keep all persons and pets away from mowing area. Remember, a mower blade can pick up and throw objects with force sufficient to seriously injure or kill.

- No riders on riding mowers. Always say "no" to small children asking to ride the mower with you. Extra riders can be thrown from the mower and run over. Extra riders also distract an operator, contributing to careless mistakes.

- No horseplay around lawn mower. Playing with a mower is asking for serious trouble. This has caused many serious injuries. Use a mower only for the purpose it was designed - to mow lawns.

- Do not use riding mowers on steep slopes. Mower overturns cause serious injury. Drive up and down slopes when operating a riding mower. Mow across the slope when using a walk-behind mower.

- Take care of your mower. The operator-presence switch should stop the mower immediately when you release the control. Clean and safety-check your mower during the mowing season. If you have any doubt about how to adjust or repair your mower or sharpen your mower blade, see an expert. An annual inspection by an experienced service person is a good idea anyway.

- Store fuel safely. Store gasoline



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**WAY TO MOW** - Simple steps, such as wearing sturdy shoes instead of sandals while mowing the lawn, can help keep everyone safer this summer.

outside the house and away from any heat source. Frequently remind yourself and everyone in the family that gasoline is a volatile flammable liquid.

- Use earplugs to preserve your hearing. Inability to hear high-pitched sounds is the first indication of damage. Hearing loss from loud noise is permanent. Since 1982, manufacturers have made operator presence safety stops that stop the blades within 3 seconds after controls are released. Brakes may have

to be adjusted, but this safety feature should never be bypassed. The trailing toe shield and the discharge chute protection should be operational. Four types of power lawn mower accidents cause the majority of injuries.

- Propelled objects. Rocks, glass and wire are hurled at initial speeds. Contact with rotating blade. Injury often occurs when the victim cleans the discharge chute of grass clippings or performs other maintenance

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## Reptile makes home in Dix soil



Mike Dunphy

**HISS OR MISS** - The pine snake is one of the species of snakes that calls Fort Dix home. It lays eggs in sandy, underground nests and kills its prey by suffocating it with its body.



courtesy photo

Mike Dunphy  
Natural Resource Specialist

**This is the first in a monthly series from the Natural Resources Office about the wildlife that calls Fort Dix home.**

The northern pine snake (*Pituophis melanoleucus melanoleucus*) can grow five to seven feet long and has a black and dull white pattern.

There are dark blotches along the top and sides of the body which are less distinct in the front part of the body and more distinct in the hind part. The belly is white with rows of black dots along either side.

When disturbed it often hisses and shakes its tail causing it to be confused with the less common timber rattlesnake.

This species of snake has a small pointed head with a tipped snout and thick neck, which are helpful when it moves soil around or burrows. It also has a special scale at

the front of its snout that shields its nose and protects it as it tunnels underground. In fact, much of its time is spent hidden underground.

The pine snake is a non-venomous constrictor. It kills its prey by coiling itself around it in order to suffocate the animal.

Pine snakes are known to eat mammals as large as rabbits, as well as small rodents and birds.

They are usually most active in early morning or late afternoon when they leave their burrows to hunt.

Pine snakes are egg-layers and typically lay their eggs in underground nests that they excavate in open sandy areas.

Eggs are usually laid in mid-summer, and adult females have the tendency to re-use their nest sites year after year.

The pine snake is listed as a threatened species in New Jersey.

Avoid killing a snake if you encounter one at Fort Dix whether you are on foot or in a vehicle, back away slowly and do not disturb it.



Jennifer Chupko

## Summer a splash at post Aquatics Center

Instructor Jennifer Franco plays in the indoor pool with kids from School Age Services on June 23. The summer hours for the indoor pool are: noon to 7 p.m. every day. Open lap swim is from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. and then for retirees and dependents from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and military only from 11 a.m. until noon. The outdoor pool will hold lap swim Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., rec. swim at the outdoor pool will be Saturday and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Hydro Aerobics is held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening from 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday morning from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the indoor pool. Call the Aquatics center at 562-2808 for more information.

# Engineers welcome Knellinger

**Spec. Henry Rodriguez**  
3-315th TSBN

The 3-315th Engineer Training Support Battalion, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, conducted a traditional change of command ceremony at Sharp Field June 27.

Lt. Col. Stephen A. Danner served as commander for two years before handing over the battalion colors to Lt. Col. David L. Knellinger.

Danner received the Meritorious Service Medal and Order of St. Barbara, an honorary field artillery legion medal, for his service to the training support brigade.

Danner is assuming a position with the Acquisition Corps at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Col. Michael T. Miklos, commander of 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, First Army Division East, presided over the ceremony.

Miklos thanked Danner's wife, Lt. Col. Mary Danner and their three daughters for their sacrifice and support as their Soldier accomplished his missions.

"The Army is successful because of the unfailing support of its families and their lasting contributions. You are

the unsung heroes," Miklos praised.

And as with all goodbyes, there are welcomes. Knellinger and his wife Edie along with their four children, Alexandra, Brian, Cassandra, and Danielle joined the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade family.

During a hall and farewell gathering June 26 at the Fort Dix bowling center, Knellinger and his family met their new military family and following the ceremony on Friday the Knellinger's held a reception for those who attended the change of command.

Knellinger received his commission in the US Army Corps of Engineers from the United States Military Academy at West Point in June 1991.

Prior to his assignment to 3-315th Engineer Battalion, Knellinger served as the Engineer Plans Officer for the NATO Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC) in Rheindahlen, Germany.

Knellinger's previous assignments include Operations Officer and Logistics Officer, Engineer Brigade, 1st Infantry Division; Executive Officer, 82nd Engineer Battalion; Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematical Sciences, USMA; Command-

er, A Company and Assistant Brigade Engineer, 91st Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division; Platoon Leader, Battalion Maintenance Officer and Logistics Officer, 82nd Engineer Battalion, Bamberg, Germany.

He has served twice in combat, in Baqubah, Iraq and in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Lt. Col. Knellinger earned a Bachelors Degree in Systems Engineering from USMA, and Masters Degrees from both University of Missouri, Rolla and Georgia Tech.

He is also a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Ks; Scout Platoon Leaders Course, Fort Knox, Ky; Airborne School, Fort Benning, Ga; and the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Lt. Col. Knellinger's military awards and decorations include:

The Bronze Star; the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, with oak leaf cluster; the Army Commendation Medal with 2nd oak leaf cluster; the Army Achievement Medal; and the Outstanding Volunteer Medal with oak leaf cluster.



Staff Sgt. Adam Navarro, 72nd Field Artillery Bde.

**HONORS AND AWARDS** — Col. Michael T. Miklos, commander, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, presents the Meritorious Service Medal and the Order of St. Barbara medal to outgoing 3-315th TSBN commander, Lt. Col. Stephen A. Danner, prior to the change of command ceremony on Sharp Field June 27.

## Ekstrand assumes command of medical element

**Photos and story**  
by Ryan Morton  
Public Affairs Staff

At Club Dix, June 27, Walston Army Medical Support Element said good-bye to their now former commander, Col. Judith Robinson, and welcomed their new boss, Col. John R. Ekstrand, during the change-of-command ceremony. For the Soldiers and civilians who work in Walston, the Joint Readiness Center (JRC), and Warrior Transition Unit (WTU), the event marked a day of mixed feelings as they said good-bye to one leader and welcomed another.

"This is the hard part—the summing up of one's time and command and then saying good bye," said Robinson.

Robinson took command a year ago and helped usher in dramatic changes such as moving out of the old Walston Hospital, renovating the WTU barracks and others currently under construction.

Robinson has many memories of Fort Dix that go beyond her last year of service at the installation. She began her military career at Dix in 1984 as Ms. Judy Robinson, who became, as she says, 2nd Lt. Judith Robinson.

"Those memories mingle with those of my past year while here—Fort Dix unquestionably will always be very close and special in my heart," said Robinson.

Robinson leaves the installation for her next assignment at Fort Detrick, Md.

The incoming commander, Col. John R. Ekstrand, comes to Fort Dix from his previous assignment at San Diego, Ca.

"I was working for a two-star Navy admiral, along with many current and retired Navy personnel. I was the only Army representative in the office, so I would like to take this opportunity to say to a friendly audience, 'Go Army, Beat Navy,'" said Ekstrand.

"I would like to thank Col. Robinson for her leadership over the past year and I look forward to building on her success and ask for your help in making Soldier care our focus for the next several years," he said.

Teary-eyed good-byes and heartfelt hellos were exchanged at the conclusion of the ceremony and the guests enjoyed a celebratory cake.



**CHANGE AND CHALLENGE** — Col. John Ekstrand, the new commander of the Walston Army Medical Support Element, gives his acceptance speech during the change-of-command ceremony at Club Dix, on June 27.



**MEMORIES AND MOVING ON** — Col. Judith Robinson, the former Walston Army Medical Support Element Commander, gives her farewell speech during the change-of-command ceremony at Club Dix, on June 27.

## Gonzalez takes on civil affairs training battalion

**Carolee Nisbet**  
Editor

Soldiers and leaders of the 95th Division (IT) gathered at Fort Dix June 27 to welcome Maj. Tomas Gonzalez as the new commander of the 5th Battalion Civil Affairs/Psychological Operations in a formal change of command ceremony.

Gonzalez took command of the unit from Lt. Col. Bradley Perrier, who has held the position since June 2006.

The unit's mission statement is to provide a means for Reserve Component personnel to attain prerequisite military education and proficiency standards in Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Military Occupational Specialties and NCO education system through the medium of United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School Program of Instruction.

Col. Terry Earnest, 3rd Brigade commander, led the official party for the ceremony, which was held in the Media Center on Fort Dix.

Earnest accepted the unit colors from Perrier and handed them off to Gonzalez, completing the transition of command of the unit.

Following the ceremony, Earnest recognized Perrier for his command excellence.

"It's easy to recognize Lt. Col. Perrier as a quality officer and a quality leader," Earnest told the formation of Soldiers.

Out of 45 battalions currently operating in the IT system, he said, Perrier is ranked among the top five commanders.

Perrier moves on to a new challenge, Earnest said, and will serve with a detachment of Afghan NCOs helping train Soldiers for their Army.

Earnest then turned to welcome Gonzalez. "His reputation precedes him," he told the audience. "He is talented, dedicated and knows how to take care of Soldiers, accomplish the mission and listen to his NCOs."

Earnest concluded by thanking the families of all of the Soldiers present. "Without them, many of us wouldn't be here," he said. "This is a good time to reflect on how important our families are to us."

Perrier noted that the unit had bumps and hurdles along the road of transformation while he was in command. "Any success is a direct reflection of what Soldiers and NCOs have done for me," he



Courtesy Photo

**GETTING TO THE POINT** — Outgoing commander Lt. Col. Bradley Perrier displays a plaque of his adopted state and a very functional k-bar made for him by Command Sgt. Maj. Roderick J. Upton for his upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

said. Perrier, a native of Fort Smith, Ark., was commissioned in 1986.

Gonzalez, who served as battalion executive officer in the unit he now commands, was commissioned a second lieutenant in July 1989.

He attended the Military Police Officer Basic Course at Fort McClellan, and was assigned to the 545th MP Co.

He was deployed to Operation Desert Storm, where he served as the Enemy Prisoner of War Special Operations Team Chief.

He worked in Bosnia Herzegovina. He has since transferred to civil affairs and served many missions in Central and South America.

Gonzalez noted the importance of the emphasis that has

been placed in his unit on military occupational specialty qualification and on teamwork.

"You win together, or you lose together," he said, adding that communications within the unit is also critical.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Col. Earnest presented Perrier with a Meritorious Service Medal. Command Sgt. Maj. Roderick Upton also presented Perrier with a plaque in the shape of Texas, with a functional k-bar affixed to the front, a gift he created specifically for his former commander.

The color guard for the change of command included Master Sgt. Jimmy Crump; Sgt. Anna Williams; Spc. Benny Davis; Spc. Edward Marion and Spc. Rudy Jasso.

# Comrades forever remembered in ink

**Lisa Evans**  
Public Affairs Staff

Purple Heart recipient Staff Sgt. Jonathan Bonney wears a graphic memory of the fellow Soldiers in his unit who lost their lives.

Deployed to Iraq in 2005, the 1-15th Infantry Regular 3rd Brigade lost 12 members to IED's and sniper fire. Bonney's Purple Heart is for shrapnel in his left leg, received when an IED hit the vehicle he was in. Scar tissue and shrapnel in the knee and thigh keep him from being able to run, but not from being able to serve.

Recovering from his wounds, Bonney decided he needed a more tangible memory for the comrades he had lost

during that year.

Deciding on a permanent memory he could never forget and that would be a sign to others, the idea to tattoo their dog tags to his torso under the words "The Ultimate Sacrifice" was born. With a tattoo dedicated to his grandfather, a US Navy, WWII veteran between his shoulder blades, he has, so far, four of the 12 comrades finished.

"The reason I did it, when I'm out there on a public beach or pool, I wanted people to see it and ask, to put the two and two together and take that and think about it. I wanted them to take a minute and think of the guys who didn't make it back," Bonney said.

A tattoo in the middle of his back in Arabic translates: In

remembrance of those who have gone to the great beyond for those who are still living.

"It was my way to say we were going to Iraq and it's what we saw and heard all the time over there. I choose the saying but there was no direct translation into Arabic, so it ended up in Arabic they way they would say it," Bonney said.

From Wayne, N.J., Bonney has been in the Army five years. He plans to make a career of the Army and use tuition assistance to work on college classes through the next few years. And he plans to never forget. Tattooed near his right arm, on his chest where he will see it every day, are the dog tags for his close friend, Spc. Dennis James Federer,

killed in Iraq, Nov. 2, 2005. On his back are 1st Lt. Michael J. Fasnacht, killed 8 June 2005; Sgt. Monta S. Ruth, killed 31 Aug. 2005 and Spc. Steven R. Givens killed 8 May 2005.

Bonney plans to have the following names added in the near future - Spc. Richard Jr. DeGracia - Naputi, killed Dec. 20, 2005; 1st Lt. Michael Cleary, killed Dec. 20, 2005; Spc. Darren D. Howe, killed Nov. 13, 2005; Sgt. 1st Class Alwyn C. Cashe, killed Nov. 18, 2005; Capt. Joel E. Cahill, killed Nov. 6, 2005; Spc. Dennis J. Ferderer, killed Nov. 2, 2005; Sgt. Michael T. Robertson, killed Oct. 25, 2005; Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander, killed Oct. 22, 2005; Spc. Justin B. Carter, killed Feb. 16, 2005.



Lisa Evans

**TATTOOED MEMORIAL** -- Staff Sgt. Jonathan Bonney proudly displays his living memory tattoos for comrades fallen in Iraq during 2005 where his unit, the 1-15th Infantry Regular 3rd Brigade, lost 12 Soldiers.

## Chaplains' Corner

**Chap. (Lt. Col.) Ronald Huffman**  
Installation Staff Chaplain

This morning I read a devotion that used an illustration regarding the price others paid to obtain our independence. The person referred to in the story was Richard Stockton. He was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Stockton was a prominent lawyer and a wealthy landowner. Because he supported independence, he was driven from his home and imprisoned for several years.

During this time his health was broken. He died a pauper at the age of 51.

Five other signers were captured and tortured before they died. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships. Few of us will remember the names or life history of the heroes who delivered to future generations the freedom with which we are so richly blessed.

Yet, decade after decade, we see our debt of gratitude grow exponentially as countless new torch bearers pledge their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor for the higher, nobler cause of freedom.

Samuel Adams challenged his peers while they were in the crucible of decision for independence or continued service to the crown. He addressed those who vacillated with the words, "If ye love wealth better than liberty, the tranquility of servitude than the animating contest of freedom, go from us in peace. We seek not your counsel or your arms. Crouch down and lick the hand that feeds you; may your chains set lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that ye were our

countrymen!"

As we hear inspiring stories over the course of this week, may the old stories and the new ones kindle within our minds and hearts a passion and patriotism that will inspire us to participate in partnership of this ongoing enterprise of building a civilization which has at its heart a noble and magnanimous spirit. Draw upon your own experiences and remember those who have molded and shaped your appreciation for the freedoms you enjoy. May these memories make us eager to plead and champion the cause of the poor, the oppressed, and the lonely. Do not let your enthusiasm and your efforts to promote our own national welfare ever degenerate into selfishness or allow any decline in that lofty idealism which recognizes the debt which strength owes to weakness, the debt of knowledge to ignorance, the debt of wealth to poverty and the debt of freedom to those enslaved. Never may it be said, "Freedom for America and America alone."

In these turbulent days in our republic, let us not forget the guiding principles of the Declaration of Independence, which declared that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Let this day of celebration of our independence inspire each of us to carry out those lofty principles for the sake of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, and let us pray that we too might be worthy to be counted among those who gave their all that others might share the freedoms which are longed for by every human soul.

## World envious of Army

**Elizabeth M. Lorge**  
Army News Service

**WASHINGTON** -- The Army celebrated the thirty-fifth anniversary of the end of the draft and the beginning of the all-volunteer force July 1, an occasion the deputy chief of staff for personnel, G-1, called one of the nation's greatest management successes.

Lt. Gen. Michael D. Rochelle said President Richard Nixon's decision to call for an all-volunteer Army in 1973 led to a force that is the envy of the world.

"This all-volunteer force is the envy of every single free society around the globe," he said.

"I cannot tell you the number of visitors I've had from European nations, nations elsewhere, who simply come and ask 'how do you do it?' Well, part of that answer of why we are able to do it (are Soldiers) who raised their right hands...That's how we'll do it, so it's a big deal. It's a big deal because it's a volunteer act on the part of a young citizen who has chosen to serve, especially in this tough time."

That act of volunteerism, he continued, is crucial. It means

young men and women want to serve, want to be in their units, that they are willingly sacrificing themselves. A unit full of volunteer Soldiers, versus draftees, is more cohesive and motivated, with lower discipline rates and higher morale.

"It's just a better place to serve. The vice chief of staff (Gen. Richard Cody), who entered the Army the same year I did, likes to talk about his first units in the Army and I can reflect back on mine in the 101st (Airborne Division) in 1972 and 1973. And it's a much, much better place today," said Rochelle.

In spite of recent media discussions about waivers for new recruits, Rochelle assured Soldiers that they can expect new brothers and sisters in arms to remain top-notch. Every new Soldier, he said, is qualified to be in the Army and has either a high-school diploma or equivalency degree and has passed the Armed Services Aptitude Battery.

Finding those qualified recruits is a challenge because, according to Rochelle, only three out of 10 Americans 18-22 years old are actually qualified to serve in the Army without a waiver. He added that he believes the new GI Bill will

help attract people with educational aspirations.

"Millennial-generation young men and women do have a sense of duty; they have a sense of service beyond themselves and they want to know that they are making a difference. Every young person who enters our force today makes a difference. Whether they are serving on the front lines or they're serving administratively or in the medical profession or some place else, they are making a difference. What I say is 'Thank you. Thank you for serving, thank you for being part of this great institution of ours.' And I also say, 'Thank you,' to their Family members for their sacrifices," he said, pointing out that Soldiers who enlist or reenlist today do so knowing they will probably be deployed at least once.

The Army is celebrating the thirty-fifth anniversary of the all-volunteer force with enlistment and re-enlistment ceremonies around the world, including one at the Pentagon today, hosted by Secretary of the Army Pete Geren and Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George Casey Jr., and a ceremony in Iraq on July 4, hosted by Gen. David H. Petraeus.



# Announcements

## Cinema Schedule

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### McGuire Air Force Base

Friday, July 4 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Sex and the City** - Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Kristin Davis, Cynthia Nixon, Chris Noth - Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Kristin Davis, and Cynthia Nixon reprise their roles from the original HBO series on the big screen. Academy Award-winning actress Jennifer Hudson (Dreamgirls) also joins the cast of the film and will play Carrie Bradshaw's assistant, a new character to be introduced in the film.

**MPAA Rating: R - strong sexual content, graphic nudity and language**

Run time: 140 minutes

Saturday, July 5 @ 7:30 p.m.

**The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince of Caspian** - George Henley, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley, Anna Popplewell, Sergio Castellito, Ben Barnes - One year later, the kings and queens of Narnia find themselves back in that faraway wondrous realm, only to discover that more than 1,300 years have passed in Narnian time. During their absence, the Golden Age of Narnia has become extinct and Narnia has been conquered by the Telmarines and is now under the control of the evil King Miraz, who rules the land without mercy. The four children will soon meet a curious new character: Narnia's rightful heir to the throne, the young Prince Caspian, who has been forced into hiding, as his uncle Miraz plots to kill him in order to place his own newborn son on the throne. With the help of the kindly dwarf, a courageous talking mouse named Reepicheep, a badger named Trufflehunter and a Black Dwarf, Nikabrik, the Narnians--led by the mighty knights Peter and Caspian--embark on a remarkable journey to find Aslan, rescue Narnia from Miraz's tyrannical hold, and restore magic and glory to the land.

**MPAA Rating: PG-epic battle action and violence**

Runtime: 144 minutes

## Future Features...

### Iron Man

Friday, July 11 @ 7:30 p.m.  
PG-13, 126 minutes

### Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

Saturday, July 12 @ 7:30 p.m.  
PG-13, 122 minutes

## Chapel Services

562-2020

### Sunday Services

Protestant.....9-10 a.m.  
Catholic Mass.....10:15-11:15 a.m.  
Gospel.....11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Sunday School.....10 - 11:15 a.m.  
CCB.....9:15 - 10 a.m.

Chapel 5 - Bldg. 5950, Church Street  
General Protestant Service.....6:30 p.m.

NCO Academy Protestant Field Service -  
Bldg. 5417, Texas Avenue  
8:30 a.m.

July 13, 20/August 10, 17/September 7,  
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### Camp Victory - Chaplain's tent Hour of Power

Protestant.....8-9 a.m.  
Catholic.....8-9 a.m.  
Mormon.....8-9 a.m.  
Jewish.....8-9 a.m.

### Religious Services

Islamic Prayer room  
open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through  
Friday - Room 24

**Christian Women of the Chapel -  
Bible Study** - Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on  
Summer Break. Will resume in September.

**Christian Men of the Chapel -  
Prayer Breakfast** - Fourth Saturday of each  
month, 9 to 11 a.m.

Jewish services available by request

For additional services or Religious Support  
please call 562-2020

Religious materials are available at the JRC,  
the Main Chapel, and Camp Victory

The Main Chapel staff is in need of piano and  
organ players during the Protestant and/or  
Catholic services on Sundays to fill in as  
needed. For information please call the chapel  
at 562-2020.

## MWR presents

CLUB DIX - 723-3272

### Club Dix Hours of Operation

Java Café - Monday-Friday 7 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Comp. Lab - Monday & Tuesday 7 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday - Fri day 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Saturday noon - 10 p.m.  
Sunday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Lunch Served Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Saturday - Monday Closed

Bar Hours Wednesday 5 - 10 p.m.  
Thursday - Saturday 6 - 10 p.m.  
Sunday - Tuesday Closed

Still not sure what to do with the children this summer? Fort Dix Child & Youth Services has Summer Fun Camp for children grades 1-8. Camp includes breakfast, lunch, weekly field trips and MUCH MORE! Call 562-4702 to register your child today.

John Mann Park is available for private parties, unit functions and more. Call 562-6667

## OUTDOOR RECREATION Bldg. 6045

John Mann Park Summer Hours begin Wednesday June 25

Wednesday thru Thursday 1 to 7 p.m.  
Friday thru Sunday 1 to 8 p.m.  
Mondays and Tuesdays Closed

July 4 - 1 to 6 p.m.

Range 14 is closed July 4.

For more information call 562-6667

## ARTS & CRAFTS Bldg. 6039

**1<sup>st</sup> Framing Qualification Class** - Get qualified to use this great facility and equipment! You will complete one piece as you learn to operate the equipment. You are required to bring something in to frame such as an 8 x 10 photo or certificate. All materials are available at the frame shop which will be purchased at the end of class. **Wednesday July 16, 6-8:30 p.m. (or Saturday July 19, 9 to 11:30 a.m.** Pre-registration fee of \$10 is required prior to class. Materials not included.)

**\*Kids Introductory Drawing & Painting Course** Ages 6 & up - As it heats up outside, the young ones can "chill out" at Arts and Crafts while learning how to draw and paint! They will enjoy 6 weeks of creativity while exploring various drawing methods and media which include: scratchboard, pencil, cray-pas, chalk pastels, acrylic and watercolor paint. **July 5 to August 9 Saturdays 2:30-4:00 p.m.** (6-week course) \$40

**\*Project Runway** - Calling all girls ages 11-14. Create your own style and add new dimension to your wardrobe at our own sewing summer fashion class. You will learn how to use a sewing machine, and add trims and "bling" to your clothing, develop a style all your own with the colors you like best. Wait until you see what we do with a pair of shorts or jeans and a new T shirt! Bring these to the first class. Friday, invite your friends and family for a fashion show and refreshments in the gallery. Class is limited to the first 6 fashion designers. Sign up now sew you don't miss out! Pick up a supply list when you register. **July 8 to 11, noon to 2:00 p.m.** \$45.

**\*Adult Introductory Pottery Course** - Classes cover both hand building and wheel throwing techniques. Once you've completed the initial class, you can come in anytime during studio hours to use the pottery facility on your own. Pre-registration required. \$60 registration fee plus materials. **Wednesdays 6:30 to 9 p.m. July 9 to August 13** (6-week course)

**\*Summer Art Camp** - Kids will be able to do a variety of crafts using clay, paper, paint, and more! Sessions are held **Tuesday through Friday, 12:30 to 2 p.m.** for ages 6 to 12. Pre-registration required. \$30

registration fee (per session) includes all materials. Sign up for one session or all of them since projects will be unique to each session. Family and multiple session discounts available!

- **Session I: July 22 to 25**

- **Session II: July 29 to August 1**

- **Session III: August 19 to 22**

**\*Quilts for Kids - July 12** - Come see our new fabrics and patterns! Join us from **11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every second Saturday of the month** as we stitch for children in long term healthcare facilities, safe houses, wounded warriors and families. Share this awesome experience of giving. Learn new techniques or improve old ones. Just bring your desire to help others while you learn to machine quilt. All experience levels welcome. Yes, men and mid-teens are welcome, too!

**Christmas in July - July 19, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Get a head start on Christmas savings by joining us for this fun event! Take pictures with Santa and create discounted holiday cards with our all new Sony Picture Station. Take part in our annual family cookie plate painting event. This and other winter ceramic items will be 20 percent off! Please don't forget to bring your favorite home baked cookies and recipes for our holiday "taste and swap." See you there...

**\*Krafty Birthdays** - Arts & Crafts offers Krafty Birthday Parties! Parties include up to two hours of party room use, one craft project with instruction and all materials, with many exciting projects to choose from. When making party reservations, please make sure to stop by in order to select the craft and make payment.

**\*Contemporary Ceramics & Mosaic Studio** - The Contemporary Ceramics Studio offers a large selection of bisque pieces to choose from to decorate and paint.

All finished pieces are food, microwave, oven, freezer, and dishwasher safe. We have lots of idea books, traceable designs, tools, and an experienced staff to help you create a finished piece you will love. Mosaics are a great way to express yourself with colorful glass. From mirrors to wall plaques, we have many items to make as gifts or add pizzazz to your home decor. Just come in, pick out your piece, and we will help you with the rest. There is no time limit on completing your project, so you can relax and enjoy our friendly, creative atmosphere for as long as you like!

**\*NEW! Sony Picture Station** - Do it yourself instant, high quality prints are easy to create and affordable too. Sizes are available from wallets to 8" x 10". Personalize your prints with wording, borders, picture collages, scrapbook pages, cards, calendars, and more. Just slip in the card from your digital camera, or a photo CD, and you're ready to print! Scan some old photos and burn them onto a CD, or just copy onto a CD from your memory card. This machine does it all!

**\*CREATE-A-CRITTER** - Adorable Critters to stuff yourself! It's easy & fun! Chose from an assortment of Critters: Bears, Puppies, Unicorns, Frogs, Tigers and a whole lot more! You can even add an outfit! Create your own designs for T-shirts & canvas backpacks. Stop in today and have tons of fun stuffing your very own plush animal or you can take one home to stuff or give as a gift. Critter Birthday Parties also available.

## AQUATIC CENTER Indoor Pool

Hydro Aerobics **Mondays 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. ,  
Wednesdays 9 to 10 a.m. & Sat. 10:30-11:30 a.m.** in the indoor pool. The Outdoor Pool is open **Sat. & Sun. Noon to 6 p.m.**

Longfellow's WHALE Tales for Grades K thru 6 American Red Cross Water Safety Classroom Session!

Longfellow's WHALE Tales provides easy-to-follow information to help children learn safe behavior in, on and around the water. Classes are \$10 per child and will be held on **June 28 and July 12 at 10 a.m.** in the solarium at the Indoor Pool. Classes are one hour and no swimming required.

Please call and reserve a date. All reservations and inquiries can be made by calling 562-2808 or 562-6396. (Participants must have access to Post)

Book a party any day at the Indoor Pool. Sign up for sign lessons, or maybe a safety class at the Indoor Pool. Both classes will fill fast so don't hesitate. Call 562-2808 for prices and availability.

## RECREATION CENTER

## Bldg. 5905 (Military Only)

Monday thru Friday.....4 to 10 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday.....12 to 10 p.m.

**Gold Medal Boxing Cup (10 to 12 bouts)** coming to the Griffith Field House Friday, July 18. U.S. Marine Corp Boxing Team vs. Muhammad Ali Boxing Club. Special guest appearance by Smokin' Joe Fraizer, an Olympic Gold Medalist and former undisputed heavyweight champion of the world. Admission is \$5 and is open to the public. Doors open at 5 p.m. with the matches starting at 6:30 p.m. Any inquiries can be called to 609-562-4888.

## ACS

562-2767

Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue

Friday, July 4

## FOURTH OF JULY

### Free Concert

6 to 11 p.m.

### Doughboy Field

Open to the Public

Tuesday, July 8

### Hearts Apart:

Photo Pillowcases

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bldg. 5201, ACS

Wednesday, July 9

### Army Emergency Relief

### Briefing for TPOE

1 to 1 p.m.

Bldg. 5403

### Art Therapy

Ages 4 to 8, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Ages 9 to 13, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Bldg. 5201, ACS

Thursday, July 10

### AFTB IT Training

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Bldg. 5201, ACS

### EFMP Kidz plus Swimming

5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

Indoor Pool

## Youth Center

562-5061

Bldg. 1279 Locust Street

### Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday from 2 to 7 p.m.

Saturday from 1 to 7 p.m.

Sunday CLOSED

### Administrative Hours:

Tuesday - Friday from noon-6 p.m.

### Weekly Schedule

Friday, July 4

### INDEPENDENCE DAY

CLOSED

Saturday, July 5

CLOSED

Monday, July 7

Open Rec.

CLOSED

Tuesday, July 8

### Teaching Hair Braiding to Teens

2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

### Wood Burning Craft

3:45 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, July 9

### Triple Play with Mr. Jacob

4:45 - 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, July 10

### Jewelry Making

3 to 4 p.m.

# MILITARY MATTERS

## Agreement eases changes for military children

**Margaret McKenzie**  
FMWR Command Public  
Affairs Office

WASHINGTON, June 30, 2008 - Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England and Deputy Secretary of Education Raymond Simon signed an agreement at the Pentagon Wednesday to work together to ease transition challenges for military children.

The Memorandum of Understanding formalizes the partnership between the two agencies. The agreement is designed to establish a collaborative framework between the Department of Defense and the Department of Education to address the unique challenges military children face as they transition from one school to another as their parents are

assigned to different installations.

"We have a long-standing, positive working relationship with the Department of Education," said England. "The ongoing relocation within the Department of Defense has created an urgent need to enrich and expand this relationship and other partnerships with military-connected communities to ensure the best possible educational opportunities for military students. This memorandum of understanding strengthens that partnership."

England said his children are products of the public school system and that he graduated from the University of Maryland.

"I will tell you something about our magnificent men and women who serve this great

nation," England said. "They will give their lives and limbs for their country; they will not sacrifice their children."

He said children of military members have the right to an outstanding education and will not relocate where they don't have good schools.

"That is where they draw the line and they are right," England said. "Their children deserve to have a good education and so we have an obligation both as a department and as a nation to make sure not just the children of the military, but frankly all the children of the United States of America

get the absolutely finest education."

Thousands of military students are moving as a result of base realignment and closure, as a result of global rebasing and other force structure changes.

Of the 1.2 million school-age military students, only 8 percent attend DoD schools, the remaining 92 percent attend America's public, charter, private, independent and parochial schools across the nation.

In his opening remarks, Deputy Secretary of Education Raymond Simon talked about his participation in a school accreditation process in Ger-

many and a meeting of the advisory council on military dependents education he attended.

"The one thing I took away from that meeting was the absolute commitment from command and senior leadership of our Armed Forces for a quality education for their children," he said. "That commitment included the personal attendance, for several hours, of the commanding general of the U.S. Army in Europe. For him and for the other commanders present, access to the finest schools with the most outstanding teachers for their children was non-negotiable."

Five children participated in the signing ceremony. Jendayi Bryant, Aaron Naquin, Rebekkah Orrell, Daniel Lind and Justyce Graves recited the Pledge of Allegiance as their

parents looked on.

"It is a great honor to be here, said Maj. Gregory Orrell, Rebekkah's father. "I think this is really special for my daughter to see something that will affect her for most of her school years, especially with the amount of times that I will move in my career. This is something that will affect her life."

"The agreement we sign today will honor that commitment and honor the sacrifices these families make every day," Simon said. "By working more closely together, by working smarter together we can help ensure that the unique needs of these children to learn and have access to first-class teacher and support programs are more fully met, no matter where in the world they are deployed."

*"The agreement we sign today will honor that commitment and honor the sacrifices these families make every day," - Raymond Simon, Deputy Secretary of Education*

## Policy helps prevent loss of military annual leave

**Donna Miles**  
American Forces Press  
Service

WASHINGTON, June 30, 2008 - Servicemembers expecting to lose annual leave on Sept. 30 due to caps on carryover leave will be the first to benefit from a new policy that allows them to keep more annual leave, earn or hold on to certain special leave categories, and in some cases, sell back accrued leave.

The new military leave policy, part of the fiscal 2008 National Defense Authorization Act, allows troops to carry over 75 days rather than the previous 60 days into the next fiscal year, Sam Retherford, the Pentagon's deputy director of officer personnel management, told American Forces Press Service.

The new policy, in place until Dec. 31, 2010, is expected to reduce the amount of lost leave caused by the current high operating tempo.

Quality-of-life surveys conducted over the past five years show that about 13 percent of the force lost up to 20 days leave each year, Retherford said. Senior noncommissioned officers and officers who have accrued more leave were the most likely to be affected.

back leave when they re-enlist or when they leave the military with an honorable discharge. Officers can sell back leave only when separating from the military under honorable conditions.

Troops can sell back only 60 days of leave over the span of their career, Retherford said.

The new policy also extends the special rest and recuperation absence from 15 to 20 days for troops completing an overseas duty tour extension longer than 12 months and electing government-paid transportation.

Those who pay for their own transportation for special rest and recuperation are still authorized the previous 30 days absence.

The new military leave policy ensures that servicemembers don't lose out because they're unable to take leave due to the high operating tempo, Retherford said.

"Lost leave is an issue, because leave is an entitlement. It is worth money," he said.

"This new policy sends the message that the department values the worth of the entitlement, but recognizes that there is not always the opportunity for people to take leave because of the current operational environment," Retherford added.

Leave accrued in a combat zone is more valuable than regular leave, because it is not taxed, he said.

Enlisted troops can sell



Staff Sgt. Adam Navarro, 72nd Field Artillery Bde.

## Troop mover on the move

A Soviet made Boyevaya Mashina Pekhoty (BMP), which translates into combat vehicle of the infantry, is moved into its new home in front of the 72nd Field Artillery Headquarters on Doughboy Loop, June 26. The BMP was the first infantry combat vehicle armed with a cannon and anti-tank guided missiles.

## Charter changes for AKO

**Renee Mongo Jenkins**  
(AKO/DKO)

FORT BELVOIR, VA. June 27, 2008 - Army Knowledge Online and Defense Knowledge Online received a change to their operating charter Friday, along with a new leader.

AKO/DKO, the Army's knowledge-based learning organization, has been upgraded from a project directorship to board-selected project management. With the new PM comes new leadership. In a ceremony Col. James Barrineau, outgoing project director, handed leadership of AKO/DKO over to Col. Earl Noble, incoming project manager for AKO.

"This is a testament to the importance of this program and paves the way to a defense-wide enterprise portal," said Barrineau.



# Fort Dix says bravo, bon voyage



Lisa Evans

Sgt. Maj. Paul Garofolo and Col. Thomas Boland of the 1109th Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot (AVCRAD) out of Croton, Ct. hang their Yellow Banner at Infantry Park, June 28. The AVCRAD is deploying in support of the Global War on Terrorism.



Wayne Cook

Capt. Lawrence Clossum, company commander, and 1st Sgt. Brian Jackson, 340th Military Police Company, Fort Totten, New York hang their Yellow Banner over Infantry Park, June 27 prior to shipping out to Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Wayne Cook

New Jersey's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Glenn Rieth, presents Joint Readiness Center acting commander, Lt. Col. Marie Morency with a plaque at the Joint Readiness Center (JRC) on June 25, in recognition of the center's support of the Soldiers of the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team as they prepared for deployment for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Joining the general in the photo are, left to right, New Jersey National Guard Command Sgt. Maj. Jerome Jenkins, New Jersey National Guard Chief-of-Staff, Col. Jim Grant, JRC Sgt. Maj., Master Sgt. Kim Perez, and Henry Melon-Lopez, director of Human Resources - Military.



Jennifer Chupko

Staff Sgt. Charles Gaglio is presented with the Army Achievement Medal for meritorious service between October 2007 to July 2008 in a ceremony held June 25. Gaglio served as the training Non-commissioned Officer for Alpha Company.



Pascual Flores

On June 26, at the headquarters of the Regional Training Center-East (RTC-E), Jim Newell, from the Department of Logistics Center, accepted a Certificate of Appreciation from Col. Claude Schmid, commander of the RTC-E, right. Newell left a family event early in order to provide valuable support to the RTC-E that enabled them to complete their mission. Also present is Lt. Col. Walter Easter, executive officer of the RTC-E.



Steve Snyder

**FAREWELL ON THE LANES** - The fun-loving crew of Army Community Services threw a farewell party for Evelyn Dingle (center, kneeling) at the Fort Dix Bowling Alley last week, and everyone had a ball! Dingle was head of ACS' Exceptional Family Member's Program. She leaves Dix to go home to Charleston, S.C.



courtesy photo

Francisco Vazquez, of the 72nd HHB Field Artillery Brigade, won the FMWR Texas Hold'em poker Championship held June 20 at Club Dix. Vazquez won a \$300 pre-paid Visa Card and bragging rights. Another game is scheduled for Sep.

Read  
The Post!

# Tips help mowers

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while the engine is running.  
●Propelled objects. Rocks, glass and wire are hurled at initial speeds above 170 miles per hour. Objects may be thrown 50 feet or more, causing death and injuries ranging from blindness to severe bruising.  
●Overturning. This occurs primarily when riding mowers are used on steep slopes or embankments. Victims may be pinned under the mower or come into contact with the blade.  
●Riding mowers running over the victim. Accidents occur if the operator fails to

look when backing a riding mower.  
●Playing children are seriously injured. Or, an operator pulls a power mower backward over his or her foot.  
**Mower Safety Guidelines**  
Before Starting Mower  
●Put on close fitting clothes and sturdy, nonslip shoes.  
●If the lawn is wet – wait!  
●Go over the lawn carefully to pick up stones, wire, toys, dog bones – anything the mower blade might pick up and throw.  
●If your electric mower isn't labeled "double insulat-

ed," never plug it into anything but a grounded (3-prong) outlet.  
●Adjust cutting height before starting mower.  
**While You Mow**  
●Never run mower over gravel, stones or hard, immovable objects like pipes, rocks or sidewalk edges.  
●Mow advancing forward whenever possible so you can see where you're going.  
●Keep electric mower cord out of the cutting path.  
●Stay clear of the blade housing and the discharge chute.  
●Never point discharge

chute at others.  
●Turn off the mower before you leave it – even for a moment.  
**Be Sure To**  
●Disconnect spark plug or power cord before working on your mower.  
●Treat gasoline like the volatile fuel it really is.  
●Keep the power cord of an electric mower in near-new condition.  
Safety practices are just common sense – but we often need reminders.  
Take a few minutes to review these safety suggestions at the beginning of the season.

**United Communities Housing Information**  
Leasing Office - 723-4290  
Maintenance Office - 724-0500  
Maintenance Scheduling and Trash Concerns - 724-0550  
**Fort Dix/McGuire Residential Refuse Collection Schedule**  
**MONDAY**  
McGuire AFB  
3800's & 3900's  
**TUESDAY**  
All of Fort Dix  
**THURSDAY**  
McGuire AFB  
4000's, 4400's, and 4500's  
**RECYCLING IS PICKED UP EVERY THURSDAY**  
**YARD WASTE IS PICKED UP EVERY MONDAY AND TUESDAY.**

The United States Army, Fort Dix  
INVITES Public Comment  
On the Final Proposed Plan for the  
Completed Remediation of the  
Fire Tank Training Area  
Fort Dix, New Jersey

Please Come to Our  
PUBLIC MEETING  
Thursday, July 17, 2008  
an information/poster session at  
6:00PM will be followed by a presentation at  
7:00 p.m.  
New Hanover Township Meeting Hall

PURPOSE: (1) Identify the No Further Action as the preferred remedy; (2) serve as a companion document to the Remedial Investigation (RI) and RI Addendum Reports; and (3) solicit public involvement in determining the acceptability of a No Further Action as a recommended remedy

THE 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
IS FROM  
JULY 7 UNTIL AUGUST 6, 2008  
Written Comments May Be Submitted to the  
Following:  
Mr. Ken Smith  
Department of the Army  
Environmental/ Natural Resource Division  
Building 5317; Snyder Lane  
Fort Dix, New Jersey 08640-5501  
Phone: (609) 562-2189  
Email: Ken.D.Smith@us.army.mil

FOR MORE INFORMATION: You can review the Final Proposed Plan, as well as other environmental documents at the following Information Repository:  
Burlington County Library, Mount Holly Branch  
– 307 High Street, Mt. Holly, N.J.

EPIC-8 LANDFILL, FORT DIX,  
NEW JERSEY  
NOTIFICATION OF FIVE-YEAR  
REVIEW

This public notice is to inform the community of the Army's intent to conduct a five-year review of the remedy selected for the EPIC-8 Landfill at Fort Dix in Burlington County, New Jersey. The purpose of the five-year review is to determine whether the selected remedy implemented for the site continues to be protective of human health and the environment. Institutional Controls were the selected remedy for the EPIC-8 Landfill, as wastes were left in place.

The public is invited to examine the five-year review report for a 30-day comment period beginning in September 2008. A copy of the five-year review report will be available at the Pemberton Library, which is located at the following address:  
Pemberton Library  
16 Broadway  
Browns Mills, NJ 08015

Further information and/or a copy of the report can be obtained by contacting Mr. Bill Lewendowski at the US Army Fort Dix Environmental Division, ATTN: IMNE-DIX-PWE, Building 5317, Fort Dix, New Jersey 08640-5501. Telephone: (609) 562-2203, Telefax: (609) 562-5345, Email: william.lewendowski@us.army.mil. The scheduled completion date for the five-year review is anticipated to be September 30, 2008.

The United States Army, Fort Dix  
INVITES Public Comment  
On the Final Proposed Remediation Plan for the  
Pesticide Control Shop  
Fort Dix, New Jersey

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PURPOSE: (1) Identify the Soil Remedial Action as the preferred remedy; (2) serve as a companion document to the Remedial Investigation (RI) and Feasibility Study (FS) Reports; and (3) solicit public involvement in determining the acceptability of Soil Remedial Action as a recommended remedy

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# Vacation Bible School out of this world



**BREATH OF LIFE** — First graders were taught a lesson on how God breathes life into man by Mamie Waters and Bertha Perkins during Vacation Bible School at the Main Chapel June 24.



**THE JOB IS NEVER FINISHED** — Hilde Dreyer, Thuan Domski, and Christine Brown sort through the music that is part of the curriculum for Vacation Bible School. Administrative labor is just as vital to the success of the program as is the direct teaching of the children.

Wayne Cook  
Public Affairs Staff

More than 60 children between 4 and 14 years of age participated in Vacation Bible School at the Main Chapel June 23-27.

The young people were guests of the chapel staff and volunteers who escorted them through an exploration of the awesome wonder of God and taught them that all things are possible in and through God as they visited Cosmic City.

Forty-three staff and volunteer members led the children through different learning stations such as Deeper Space, Asteroid Alley, Theater of the Galaxies, Super Nova Super Mart, and Wonder U where they discovered wonders of creation while taking part in science projects and craft making. Mamie Waters and Bertha Perkins helped the kids mix baking soda in bottles with a little vinegar as balloons blew up on top of the bottles.

"We used this lesson to show how God breathed life into men during creation," said Waters.

The children also made and colored refrigerator magnets in the shapes of planets, asteroids and shooting stars to take home to their parents. The little ones colored pictures for their moms and dads.

The volunteers and staff members read Bible stories to the children and taught them songs which they sang on the last day of the week when they performed a musical skit for family and friends.



**THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES** — Chap. (Col.) Larry Biederman, installation chaplain, takes a moment to thank all the parents, family members and friends for supporting Vacation Bible School.



**BLAST OFF** — Banners lined the stage during the musical skit at the conclusion of Vacation Bible School June 27. The theme of the week was "Welcome to Cosmic City" where children explored the awesome wonder of God.

photos by Wayne Cook



**CREATIVE JUICES** — Brenda Hodgeman, far left, sets the table for the masterminds of pigmentation as the second grade class prepares to color refrigerator magnets for their parents in the form of heavenly bodies such as shooting stars and planets.



**SMILING FACES** — The children, staff, and volunteer members of this year's Vacation Bible School which was hosted by the Main Chapel June 23-27.



**CELEBRATING GOOD TIMES** — At left, everyone enjoyed a picnic lunch of hot dogs, watermelon and cake with the children at the conclusion of Vacation Bible School. Bottom, center, a poster reminding everyone that "All things are possible with God" was placed in the sanctuary. Below, right, the pre-kindergarten class dances and sings during the closing celebration of Vacation Bible School. The youngsters' smiles are a witness to the fun they shared all week long.

